IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A speech decoder comprising:

a decoder that decodes a lag parameter from coded data; and

a first detector that detects variations in a lag parameter

in a first frame; The speech decoder of claim 25, further

comprising

a second detector that detects lag parameter variations

between the first frame and a the second frame; and

a determiner that, when an error is detected in the first

frame, determines one of the lag parameter in the first frame and

a lag parameter in the second frame that is previous to the first

frame as an output lag parameter based on detection results in

the first detector and the second detector,

wherein the determiner determines the lag parameter in of

the first frame as the output lag parameter, when the variations

detected by the first detector are within a predetermined range,

and when the variations detected by the first detector are

outside the predetermined range and the variations detected by the second detector are within the predetermined range.

28. (Previously Presented) The speech decoder of claim 27, wherein the determiner determines the lag parameter in the second frame as the output lag parameter when the variations detected by the first detector are outside the predetermined range and the variations detected by the second detector are outside the predetermined range.

29-41. (Cancelled)

42. (New) The speech decoder of claim 27, wherein the determiner determines the output lag parameter when mode information of the second frame indicates one of transient mode and unvoiced mode.

43. (New) The speech decoder of claim 27, wherein the first detector detects variations in a lag parameter based on variations of said lag parameter included in the coded data before decoding.

44. (New) A code error compensation method comprising:

a decoding step of a lag parameter from coded data; and

a first detection step of detecting variations in a lag parameter in a first frame;

a second detection of detecting lag parameter variations between the first frame and a second frame; and

a determination step of, when an error is detected in the first frame, determining one of the lag parameter in the first frame and a lag parameter in the second frame that is previous to the first frame as an output lag parameter based on detection results in the first detection step and the second detection step,

wherein, in the determination step, the lag parameter in the first frame is determined as the output lag parameter, when the variations detected by the first detector are within a predetermined range, and when the variations detected by the first detector are outside the predetermined range and the variations detected by the second detector are within the predetermined range.